and Funds for optimal utilization of funds and infrastructure and strengthening delivery of primary healthcare. It aims at effective integration of health concerns with determinants of health like sanitation & hygiene, nutrition, and safe drinking water through a District Plan for Health.

(d) The National Rural Health Mission was operationalized from April, 2005 throughout the country. As such, it is too early to assess its success. The key components of the Mission are targeted to be implemented during 2005-08.

Deaths of patients in Government hospitals

1385. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of T.B., AIDS, Hepatitis B and Malaria patients have lost their lives due to inadequate facilities and inappropriate medicines for the poor persons in all Government hospitals in Delhi and other Government hospitals in the country during the last two years and current year so far;

(b) if so, the number of patients who died in the various Government hospitals in the country during this period; and

(c) the steps being contemplated by Government to provide treatment of international standard to the patients suffering from various diseases in various Government hospitals in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Health being a State subject under constitution of India, the information in respect of States/Union Territories is not maintained in the Ministry.

However, so far as Central Government Hospitals are concerned, no report has been received regarding the death of patients afflicted with TB, AIDS, Hepatitis B and Malaria due to non availability of appropriate facilities. The strengthening and upgradation of hospitals is a continuous dynamic process and the same is undertaken as per the need and availability of resources. Moreover, death review committee is in existence in the Central Government Hospitals to review the death cases regularly.